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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A pipe coupling comprising:

a single gasket,

a resilient mounting ring made of a flexible material and having a split and
a circular recess for receiving the gasket, and

a mounting flange having a cone shaped inner surface,

wherein the mounting ring is elastically expandable and is integrally formed with an outer cone-shaped surface and with an inner rib, wherein the rib being adapted to fit into a
circumferential groove formed on in a pipe upon elastically expanding the ring over the pipe
to hold the ring affixed to the pipe, wherein the pipe coupling is ~~for connecting~~ connects the
pipe to a counter-flange associated with a second pipe in a sealed manner when the ring is
tightened towards the counter-flange

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The pipe coupling as claimed in claim ~~22~~ 21
wherein the ring is split by a cut extending in an axial plane thereof.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The pipe coupling as claimed in claim ~~22~~ 21
wherein the ring is split by a cut extending in a non-axial plane thereof.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The pipe coupling as claimed in claim 21
wherein the ring is made of plastic material.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The pipe coupling as claimed in claim 21
wherein the inner rib comprises a circular rib.

PROPOSED ADDED LANGUAGE
TO CLARIFY STRUCTURAL RELATIONSHIPS

A

-- , SAID OUTER CONE-SHAPED SURFACE
COMPLEMENTAL^M TO SAID CONE SHAPED
INNER SURFACE, --

B

-- IN SAID RESILIENT MOUNTING
RING --

C

-- , WHEREBY SAID SINGLE GASKET
ABUTS SAID FIRST PIPE AND
~~SAID~~ ABUTS SAID RESILIENT
MOUNTING RING IN USE --

D

-- FIRST --